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2. SUMMARY: BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES ARRESTED ITALIAN CITIZEN EMILIO CARBONE BACIGALUPO ON AUGUST 2 (REF), CHARGING HIM WITH CONSPIRING AGAINST STATE SECURITY, BELONGING TO PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS, INVOLVEMENT IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL MATTERS. THE GOB HAS BEGUN EFFORTS TO EXPELL OR EXTRADITE HIM TO ITALY. END SUMMARY.

3. CARBONE, ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, IS A MEMBER OF A NEO-FASCIST GROUP CALLED THE ITALIAN SOCIALIST MOVEMENT AND WAS INVOLVED IN THE JULY 17, 1980 MILITARY COUP THAT OUSTED PRESIDENT LIDIA GUEILER. HE IS ALSO ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE 1980 TERRORIST BOMBING OF THE BOLOGNA TRAIN STATION. CARBONE APPARENTLY ARRIVED IN BOLIVIA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1978, TO TRAIN RIGHT WING PARAMILITARIES, AND WAS ASSOCIATED WITH **KLAUS BARBIE** AND DECEASED ITALIAN TERRORIST, PIERLUIGI PAGLIAI, WHOM THE SILES GOVERNMENT EXPELLED IN 1983 AND 1982 RESPECTIVELY. CARBONE WAS ALSO APPARENTLY INVOLVED WITH RIGHT WING TERRORIST STEFANO DELLA CHIAE AND SEVERAL OTHER BOLIVIAN NEO-FASCISTS CONNECTED WITH THE 1980 COUP AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GENERAL GARCIA MEZA AND HIS NOTORIOUS INTERIOR MINISTER LUIS ARCE GOMEZ.

4. CARBONE APPARENTLY HAD BEEN LIVING OPENLY IN BOLIVIA SINCE THE EXPLUSION OF PAGLIAI, ON A FARM HE OWNED IN THE PROVINCE OF SUD YUNGAS, AN IMPORTANT COCA-GROWING AREA NEAR LA PAZ. BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES CLAIM THAT CARBONE'S FARM WAS USED FOR MEETINGS WITH NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS, AND THAT NEO-NAZI LITERATURE AND ARMS WERE FOUND ON THE PREMISES. THEY ALSO CHARGE CARBONE WITH PLANNING TO KIDNAP THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN LA PAZ AND REGIS DEBRAY IN PARIS, IN ORDER TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF BARBIE. RECENT LETTERS FROM BARBIE TO CARBONE WERE ALSO ALLEGEDLY FOUND ON THE SUD YUNGAS FARM. A BOLIVIAN CITIZEN, ALVARO DE CASTRO, WHO WAS **KLAUS BARBIE'S** BODY GUARD, WAS ARRESTED WITH CARBONE. BOTH ARE APPARENTLY BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO IN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY.

5. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 10, AN INTERIOR MINISTRY SPOKESMAN INTIMATED THAT THE GOB HAD BEGUN PROCEDURES TO TURN CARBONE OVER TO ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR LUCHINO CORTESE TOLD AMBASSADOR ON AUGUST 13 THAT THE GOB HAS NOT CONTACTED HIS EMBASSY ABOUT EXPELLING OR EXTRADITING CARBONE. CORTESE SAID THAT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY'S STATEMENTS REGARDING CARBONE WERE EXAGGERATED AND FALSE ON SOME POINTS, AND COMPLAINED THAT THE MINISTRY HAD FAILED TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON ITS AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE HIS EMBASSY WITH DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THE CHARGES AGAINST CARBONE. AMBASSADOR CORTESE LATER TOLD THE PRESS THAT CARBONE IS NOT WANTED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION.

6. COMMENT: THE CHARGES AGAINST CARBONE MAY HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATED IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY HIS DETENTION AND CONVEY THE IMPRESSION OF GOB EFFICIENCY IN FIGHTING

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NARCO-TERRORISM. THERE IS NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT CARBONE IS AN UNDESIRABLE ELEMENT WHO COLLABORATED WITH THE THOROUGHLY DISCREDITED GARCIA MEZA REGIME, AND WITHOUT WHOM BOLIVIA WOULD BE BETTER OFF. FROM BOLIVIAN PERSPECTIVE, IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THERE ARE NO SUBSTANTIVE CHARGES AGAINST CARBONE IN ITALY. THE GOB WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO SETTLE FOR HIS EXPULSION FROM BOLIVIAN TERRITORY. (DRAFTED BY W. LOFSTROM) CORR
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